

EMMAUS LUTHERAN CHURCH MID-WEEK ENEWS NOTES

EPIPHANY SEASON



This Sunday (1/29/2012) is **Fourth Sunday after Epiphany** in our liturgical year – the color is **GREEN**. Following, you will find the lessons for the day.

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In Deuteronomy God promises to raise up a prophet like Moses, who will speak for God; in Psalm 111 God shows the people the power of God's works. For the church these are ways of pointing to the unique authority people sensed in Jesus' actions and words. We encounter that authority in God's word, around which we gather, the word that trumps any lesser spirit that would claim power over us, freeing us to follow Jesus.

The Lessons for this Sunday:

DEUTERONOMY 18:15-20

PSALM 111

1 CORINTHIANS 8:1-13

MARK 1:21-28

“ I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”

— Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV)



Our mistakes and sin cannot overrule God's desire for our good.

- from Upper Room Daily Devotions

Emmaus Members Home Bound

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Skip Tether
Bruce Collins
Don & Irene Parker
Elmira Zwecker
Elsie Hufford
Wilma Weigel
Gary & Norma Crozier
Mike Simmons
Nellie Oyler
Herman & Audrey Osterloh
Lillian Kilburn
Lorron Caryl
Charlotte Jankovic
Dorothy Frazier
Virginia Kelley
Esther Jackson
Marian Rakow & Charlie Brooks
Helen Long
Maureen Avellino
Fran Schlundt

Susan Beslity
Martha Rambis
Betty Zaiser

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Mike Johnson,
Morgan Zarbuck
Don Parker
Miriam Parsons
Marian Lindberg
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Rita Guarino,
Larry Gatrell,
Lora Onsgard,
Kristi Wilson,
Michael Bloch,
Bill Beehner,
Martha Rambis,
Susan Beslity,

Debbie Bartnick,
Virginia Kelly,
Dawn Heagy,
Patty
Kistenmacher,
Bonnie Corban,
Marie Preiser,
Helen Long.
Helen Trace
Dan & Bonnie
Russell



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Britt Gray Jordan
Kyle Welch Colorado
Christopher Dyusings
Hawaii
Larry Linton Iraq
Daryl Blalack
Afghanistan
Mark Fragoso Italy
Gerry Frisbie Iraq
Eric Fragoso Kuwait

Clifford Prether US
Justin Jackson Iraq
Sean H Wickett
Afghanistan
Jose Fragoso
Afghanistan
Justin Rush England
Nichole Carter Navy
Reserves
Ryan Nemeth Texas
Roger Fiedler Afganistan

“REACHING OUT IN THE NAME OF CHRIST”

Stewardship Thought

The Simpsons is an irreverent, American cartoon series, to say the least, but one thing is sure: it is one of the few shows of any kind in which the family regularly goes to church. Sometimes the church and its pastor come off looking pretty good. Sometimes both look foolish. (And in this way it's a lot like the real church!)

There's an odd moment in *The Simpsons Movie*. The whole family is at church when suddenly grandpa begins to act wild, speaking prophetically and finally incomprehensibly. "EPA!" he shouts. "EPA!" (They'll all discover later he has had a revelation referring to the Environmental and Protection Agency's plan to place a bubble over their town of Springfield, cutting them off from the rest of the world.)

In the next scene we see the family drive away from church, most of them humiliated for having been shown the door. Marge, the mother of the clan, wonders how come they kick you out of church when you have a real religious experience.

It's a funny moment, but there's a germ of truth to it. Why do we see church as the place where nothing can happen that is not choreographed, under control, and then executed as designed? Why do congregations try to remove even the possibility for surprise? Why is it an usher's job to remove anyone who is doing anything out of the ordinary?

In the Gospels, the synagogue, the house of worship, is sometimes the place for a real disturbance, as in today's story from the Gospel of Mark. But it is in chaos and surprise that we meet Jesus, who brings real healing, real solutions, and real reconciliation. The gospel brings order! But you'd never know this because it's almost as if we have no intention of allowing Jesus to heal someone, to change someone's life.

Wild things can happen in church. Impossible things. You never know. People might even open their wallets and purses, reach inside, and change the world!

Stewardship Sentence

In all of the seasons of our lives, in all states of mind, we come before God with our gifts.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Over the past year, I have had the honor and privilege of serving you as Congregation Council President. Together, we made it through what may have been the most difficult year in the history of our church. While I will continue to serve as a Council Member, I have declined to accept a second term as your President. My work responsibilities have increased this year, and I have recently accepted a position as a part-time professor with Remington College. I do not believe that I could devote the required time to be your President, and still maintain my responsibilities to work and family.

At our worship services this coming weekend, it will be my privilege to introduce you to your 2012 Congregation Council and Executive Officers. At our Council Meeting last Sunday, we elected Larry Hill to serve as President, Angie Shaffer as Vice President, Carol Atherton as Treasurer, and Tim Weng as Secretary. Ruth Dyer, Robert Brockschmidt, and Patrick Rhoads and I will join them to be installed at the services.

Please welcome them as your new leadership team, and join me in giving them your full support. While 2012 may appear to be a challenging year for us all, your Council members will endeavor to shift the focus of our Congregation from surviving to **thriving**.

In Christ's service

Chris Beehner

2012 Council Members

Larry Hill - President
Carol Atherton - Treasurer

Angie Shaffer - Vice President
Tim Weng - Secretary

Patrick Rhoads
Ruth Dyer

Chris Beehner
Robert Brockschmidt

We had 88 voting members at the pot luck Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting.

Emmaus Praise & Pinch Feedback System

This method of feedback deals with joys, concerns, feelings, and opinions you may have about what is (or is not) happening at Emmaus. It provides opportunity for you to communicate about ways we are doing well in our ministry together and areas that might need attention. Such input and feedback helps us all to be faithful in carrying out our mission.

Here's how the system works. The **secure/ confidential box**, is located **in the narthex**. This box is for the "Praise & Pinch" forms which are available next to the box along with the *Role Renegotiation Model* for sustaining meaningful relationships (see next week's eNews&Notes). This is the model on which the feedback system is based.

- 1. Write out your praise or pinch on the form, sign it, date it and place it in the confidential Praise & Pinch Box.**
2. Forms will be collected by a member of the Executive Committee.
- 3. You will be contacted** to let you know that your form has been received and to **clarify** with you **the content of your input** and what you would like to see happen.
4. You will then be told **how your message will be handled** according to the *Dealing with Criticism in Organizations* principles. (A copy of these principles is on the back of this form.)
- 5. Following this conversation (#s 3 & 4 above) your message will be delivered** to the appropriate ministry, person, or group. **Follow through** will include communicating to you the final outcome of your feedback.

Throughout this process **confidentiality** will be maintained according to the outline in the *Dealing with Criticism in Organizations* document (see next week's eNews&Notes).

Calendar for the week

Friday, 1/27/12 7:00 PM Cottage Gathering Planning Committee

Saturday, 1/28/12 9:00 AM Emmaus Women's General Meeting
 10:00 AM First Communion Class
 3:30 PM Praise Band Rehearsal
 5:00 PM Traditional Worship

Sunday, 1/29/12 8:45 AM Contemporary Worship
 9:50 AM Sunday School, Adult Class,
 Confirmation Class
 11:00 AM Traditional Worship
 12:15 PM Council Meeting
 3:30 PM Adult Choir Concert at Trinity,
 New Smyrna Beach
 4:00 PM Lectio Divina

Monday, 1/30/12 6:00 PM Personnel Committee Meeting

Tuesday, 1/31/12 2:00 PM Constitution Committee Meeting
 5:00 PM Habitat For Humanity Kickoff Gathering

Wednesday, 2/1/12 1:30 PM Caregivers' Coffee Hour
 5:00 PM Wonderful Wednesday Dinner
 6:00 PM Jubilate (Bell Choir) Rehearsal
 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, 2/2/12 1:30 PM Hearts & Hands

Saturday, 2/4/12 5:00 PM Traditional Worship

Sunday, 2/5/12 8:45 AM Contemporary Worship
 9:50 AM Sunday School, Adult Class,
 Confirmation Class
 11:00 AM Traditional Worship



ASSISTANTS	Jan 28	Jan 29	
	5:00 PM	8:45 AM	11:00 AM
Reader	John Panko	Georgette Jones	Barbara Goebel
Greeters	Ralph Dodds & Al Swenson	Need Volunteers	Need Volunteers
Ushers	Ralph Dodds & Al Swenson	Need Volunteers	Jim & Lois Bult
Children's Time	---	Sue Cole	Dana Powers
Power Pointer	---	Michael Mayberry	---
Altar Guild	Set-Up- Jonell Hanson 5:00 Marlene Swenson	Jonell Hanson	Mary Bergstresser
Communion Asst.	Kathy Kintner	Need Volunteers	Need Volunteers

Kick Off Meeting

Thrivent Builds will have their Kick Off meeting in the Emmaus Fellowship Hall on Tuesday, February 7th. We will meet from 5:00 - 6:30 PM. Refreshments will be provided. The Build team and representatives from Habitat for Humanity along with other participating churches will be present. The plan for the Build and other information needed will be provided. Many participants will be needed in many different capacities to make this project successful.

Some financial support will be needed as well as laborers. All materials and tools will be provided. Support people to provide refreshment for workers will also be sought. Come be a part of this incredible event and fellowship opportunity!

Angie Shaffer
Thrivent Build Specialist

Next Sunday Guests!!!

Our guests next Sunday, Feb. 5th at the 11:00 service will be the cello studio of Mr. David Bjella from Stetson University. Our own Nathan Cook is now a student at Stetson and a member of the cello studio. We look forward to their musical offerings. Other members of the Cello choir are: Elise Jimenez, Bridget Johnston, Rebecca Vega, Courtney Renfroe, Sean Cortes, Ariel Arthur, Ricardo Rodriquez, Lohengrin Velasquez, Matt Urquhart, Meg Spivey, Nathan Cook, Courtney Van Cleef.

The famous **Cellobration** concert will take place at Stetson University in Elizabeth Hall on Tuesday, February 7th at 7:30. Please plan to attend if you are able.

First Communion Class

Saturday, January 28th at 10:00 AM. If you have a 4th or 5th grader and are interested in having them take Communion with you, please contact Pastor Norma regarding the First Communion Class to be offered the last Saturday in January. If you have already done so, please come on the 28th with your child.

Music 



Sunday, January 29th at 3:30 pm -Hymn Festival at Trinity Lutheran Church, New Smyrna Beach - featuring the combined choirs of Trinity and Emmaus Lutheran Churches. The theme of the festival will be "Through the Church the Song Goes on". Brian Larson will be the organist for the festival and Barbara Larson will direct the choirs. Mark your calendars now!!



Something new at Emmaus:

Lectio Divina to begin on this coming Sunday! For those who wish to participate, we will meet twice a month. This month it will be Sundays, **January 29th at 4:00 PM in the Sanctuary.**

It is an age-old practice of "listening to the Word of God".

Comments from **Gathered In The Word** by Norvene Vest:

- p. 11 Lectio Divina is translated "divine reading". . . . It is an inspired approach – a method of reading.
The term refers primarily to the reading of sacred scriptures as practiced by the early Christian fathers and mothers.
Lectio turns to the scripture for nurture, comfort, and refreshment.
Lectio is an encounter with the living God; it is prayer.
- p. 32 The experience of praying the scriptures involves a back and forth flow between the material and the spiritual..
- p. 35 Lectio takes thought and emotion and intentionally balances them in relationship to our capacity for God.
- p. 40 Word in prayer is our self-giving. Silence in prayer is receptivity to the self-giving of God. The balance of the two creates possibilities in our midst beyond our imagining! Lectio is rooted in this formative balance of word and silence.
- p. 41 In lectio, we let a new and powerful word be born in the soil of silence.
- p. 42 The goal of lectio is the integration of life and prayer.

JOIN US ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 29TH AT 4:00 PM!

WE WILL MEET IN THE SANCTUARY

Called to the Church Triumphant - please keep family and friends in your prayers.

Toll Oden 1/17/2012
Bill Neumann 1/20/2012
Bill Trace

Food Pantry Needs

Peanut Butter
Canned Vegetables
Canned soups
Canned Fruits
Canned Meats (tuna, Chicken, etc.)
Tomato Sauce
Spaghetti Sauce
Spaghetti or other Pasta
Macaroni & Cheese Dinners
Powered Milk

Food Pantry Volunteers
Jan 31 Karen Weller & Ricky Henning
Feb 2 Joan Fisher & Jonell Hanson



Thank you for your donations!

Women of Emmaus:

Our next general meeting will be Sat. Jan. 28 at church. See the schedule below for all the details. At our business meeting, we need to elect officers and approve the budget for 2012. We will also be assembling Personal care (Health) kits and quilts for Lutheran World Relief. Afterward, we will have our Stone Soup luncheon.

I will put a box in the Narthex Wednesday night for the collection of Personal Care kit items, along with lists of items needed. You can drop them off anytime or bring them to the meeting on the 28th.

Please pass this information along to your Circle members.

Thanks, and see you on the 28th!

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Laura Kirkland
lauralitak66@gmail.com

The women's group is collecting supplies for Personal care kits (Health Kits) for Lutheran World Relief.

If you would like to contribute, here's a list of the items we need:

- One light-weight bath-size towel (maximum 52" X 27"), dark color recommended
- Two bath-size bars (4 - 5 oz.) of soap in original wrapping
- One adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging
- One sturdy comb
- One metal nail clippers (attached file optional)

There's a box in the Narthex for collection. The women meet on Saturday Jan. 28 to assemble the kits, so please drop off any donations by Friday, or bring them to the meeting on Saturday morning at 9:00. Thank you.

SOCIAL MINISTRY

Info for those in need of a Florida ID

If you or anyone you know is in need of a Florida ID, IDignity Deland is scheduled for Wednesday, February 22, 2012. The time is from 9:00 A.M. until 1:00 P.M. (first come, first served). Arrive early as intake will end when capacity is reached. Location is First Baptist Church of Deland, 725 N. Woodland Blvd., Deland, Fl. In order to obtain or replace a Florida ID, you will need the following:

1. Proof of identification
2. Proof of your social security number
3. Proof of residency

Butterfly Wings



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Director's notes



It is hard to believe, but we are half-way through the school year. I would per-

sonally like to thank all of the parents and families for all that you do. Your children give us hope for bright tomorrows. Their young minds absorb so much. It has been amazing to watch their growth and development. God has a special plan for each one of our

students, so take a minute to sit back, relax and enjoy your little miracles! - Mrs. Wilson

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★ **VPK Pictures** ★

★ Graduation pictures are coming! Please see the office for more details! ★

★ **Thurs, 2/16/11 \$25 donation** ★

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Did you know...

- ♥ **Friday, Feb 10**– Parent's Night Out (6pm-9pm). Ages 1-12 welcome. \$15 per child
- ♥ **Tuesday, Feb 14**– Dads and Donuts (9am, \$2 donations requested)
- ♥ **Monday, Feb 20**– President's Day (No school)
- ♥ **Friday, Mar 16– Sunday, Mar 25**– Spring Break (No school)

VPK-ers have show and share fun

Welcome to January! We are off to a great start! Mid-year assessments are finally over and the first of two rounds of parent teacher progress report/conferences are done. They went very well and we are excited to continue to watch them learn and grow! Please continue to reinforce the things we talked about in your conferences and keep up the good work!

We are also starting a few new things. First, we've begun sending 'homework' with the kids in



(Left to right, clockwise) VPK A classmates Katie B., Madison B., Mathew T., and Cassidy B. practice their letters and numbers.

their folders at the beginning of each week. This assignment (to practice writing their first and last names) will help them build strong writing skills. Have

your child return his or her sheet by Friday each week in order to receive a special sticker.

Second, we are introducing 'Show and Share'. Students will take turns bringing in items (toys or books, etc.) each day to talk about and answer questions from the rest of the class. These toys will not be played with, but instead will be kept safe each day until the end of class where the student will pre-



Jonathan B. and Rebecca M. do center time in Ms. Sherry and Ms. Jodi's class.

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VPK A and B (continued)

sent their item. Notifications will go home to the students the Friday before they need the item. Please, nothing sharp or of a violent nature.

Third, Ms. JoAnn and Ms. Lindsey's class has begun to replace the stop-light faces (green, yellow, red) with the use of a treasure chest. After a week of being the best listeners and awesome students, the kids will be able to choose one from a variety of prizes such as bubbles, stickers, bracelets, necklaces, and play-doh — just to name a few!

We would like to leave you with a few reminders as well. The first of which is that scholastic book orders go out every month and they are great way to get awesome books at affordable prices! We encourage you to spread literacy and encourage your



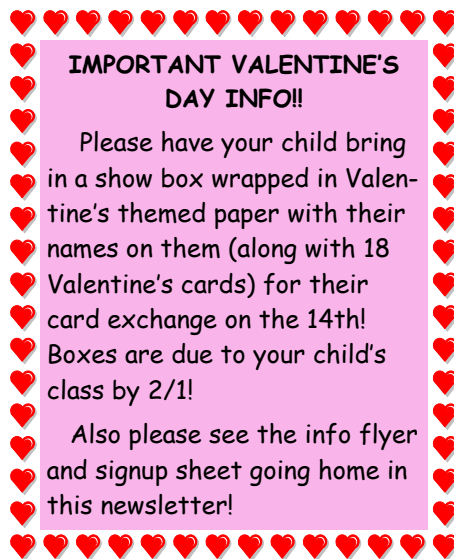
VPK B-ers watch and listen intently as Ms. JoAnn teaches them the sign for "Oo".

child to discover his/her love of reading by taking a look at some of the selections (look for new fliers each month in your child's folder).

Finally, we would like to remind parents to **please continue to check our giving wall (VPK A) and giving tree (VPK B) for more opportuni-**

ties to help your child's class. And as always, we appreciate your help and contributions each day- they help us make your child's day more special.

Sincerely, the VPK teachers (A and B)



Preschool plans some Valentine's day festivities

Hello Parents and Guardians!

First off, Mrs. Peggy and I would like to thank you for being open and available to schedule the conferences. I am very happy with the progress each student is making thus far! It is amazing to see them grow and understand more and more each day.

For the month of January, we have covered the letters "Nn", "Oo", "Pp", and "Qq".

There's some exciting news for the week of January 23-27th. Some local firemen will be visiting the school for a bit of show and tell. Their visit will be part of "Pp" week (*P* for *professional*). Mrs. Peggy and I are both



The preschool class with Ms. Amber and Mrs. Peggy

very excited for the students to be able to experience such an amazing opportunity.

Throughout February, we will continue learning a new letter each week as well as making Valentine's Day cards for parents and guardians in

celebration of the holiday. We will also be decorating some sugar cookies with frosting, sprinkles, and other fun treats! Please have your child bring in a box of valentines to share with their classmates on Tuesday, February 14th as part of our party!

Thank you again for all of your support and donations to our class!

Sincerely, Ms. Amber and Mrs. Peggy



Logan J. and Caine S. play with trains.

Early Preschool learns their letters

Hello Everyone!

Things have been off to a great start this year. For the month of January, we have been covering the letters "Mm", "Nn", and "Oo". As the month is coming to an end, we are going to learn even more! You can also look forward to many exciting crafts and even some special guests. When we cover the letter "Pp", we will be learning about different people and their careers. We are looking forward to having a fire fighter come in and talk to the kids.

For the month of February, we will continue to learn the alphabet. There will also be a complete week with a Valentine's Day theme. We will be making cards for parents and guardians, cute decorations, having yummy



Kenzie J. and Ethan P. play dress up with necklaces as Andrew T. gets ready to go outside.

snacks, and much more! Please have your child bring a box of Valentines on the 14th for a special Valentines Day card exchange with their classmates!

I just want to thank all of you for your help and support. We look forward to the next half of this school year! Sincerely, Ms. Ashley and Mrs. Delmy

Connor M. plays with his favorite fire truck on the playground.



One-der Tots look forward to winter themed activities

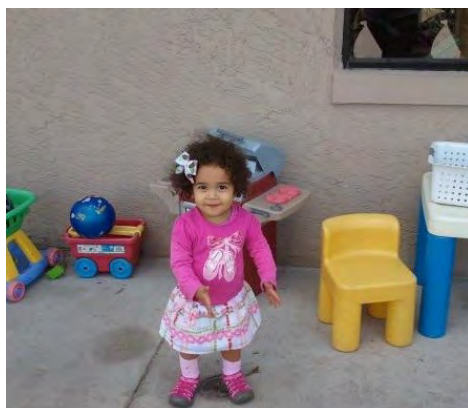
Winter is here! I know it doesn't feel like it- but in our class, we are definitely going to make lots of fun activities that remind us how cold and awesome winter is in other states.

We will learn about things like

snow, polar bears, icicles and snowmen. Also, we will learn new signs like 'cold' & 'shoes', and will continue practicing 'water', 'more', 'milk', 'please', and 'thank you'. We are always welcoming extra supplies (wipes, paper towel, snacks, tissues, and sanitizer) thanks in advance for your effort! Enjoy the weather!



Bennet F. strikes a pose for the camera!



Nicholas G. (above) and Sophia M. (left) enjoy some outside fun in the sun.



Upcoming events



Emmas Preschool and the PTA have several exciting events planned for this spring!

Parents Night Out

One Friday a month, from 6pm-9pm, parents are able to enjoy a date night or some much deserved relaxation while our staff watches their children! There will be pizza, games and tons of fun for everyone ages 1-12! (\$15 per child). Our first night will be Friday, February 10. See the office for more details.

Dads and Donuts - 8:30am-10:00am Tuesday, February 14th!

Dads, come and enjoy breakfast with your kids! Donuts and refreshments will be served (\$2.00 donations requested).

Other upcoming events- things in the works!

- Moms and Muffins (\$2.00 donations requested)- (date tentative for 5/8)
- Gardening with Grandparents (\$2.00 donations requested)- date TBA
- Pizza and PJ's Day - (date tentative for 3/15)
- Easter Bunny and PJ's Day (with an appearance from the Easter Bunny!)- (date tentative for 4/5)



Left to right (top): Kenta S., Mathew T., Ms. Jodi, Morgan N., Cassidy B., Madison B. Shawn G. Kalli W., Mariah Z., Kayla B., Morgan N. Sophia R.. Kayla B., Mathew T.

Left to right (bottom): Noah K., Shawn G., Anthony R., Brooke E., Mikayla J.



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Youth – Suzanna Manning: TBD

2. Please call the office (Debbi) or Pastor Norma, direct, if someone is in the hospital or in need of pastoral care.

Church office: (386) 775-9676

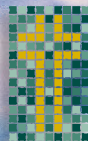
Pastor Norma (direct): (865) 387-2105

3. If you have any news items to be sent with this weekly newsletter, please email-them to: emmausoffice@embarqmail.com. By Wednesday of each week!

4. If you do not want to receive this email, please call the office and let us know.

5. If you would prefer to receive these weekly News Notes printed you can find them in the Narthex every Sunday morning. If they have all been taken, please contact the office.

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